

# Helmet of Air Saves Workman in Cave-in



**WORKER BURIED . . .** Torrance firemen place planks across deep sewer trench on Madison Street south of Del Amo Boulevard yesterday morning as they began a frantic race to free Gerardo Yanez, 30, of Los Angeles, buried under three feet of earth when the trench caved in, burying him.



**SENDING HELP . . .** An emergency splint is being lowered into the trench to bind a possible broken leg after Yanez had been uncovered. A litter can be seen in the foreground as rescue workers lower rope to a colleague who had gone down into the trench with the trapped workman.



**ON TOP AGAIN . . .** A fellow worker greets Yanez as he is brought to the surface after the 8 a.m. cave-in yesterday. Yanez apparently covered his face with his steel helmet, giving him an air pocket large enough to keep him alive while buried under three feet of soil for 10 minutes.



**RUSHED AWAY . . .** An ambulance attendant gets a lift from a fireman as he heads away from cave-in scene with victim en route to Little Company of Mary Hospital. The victim was in good condition after surgery on injured knee. (Herald Photos by Darrell Maddox)

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The Pennies photographer asked several residents this week, "How do you feel about the efforts to keep Torrance a beautiful city?"

Mrs. Robert Short, 5409 Paseo de Pablo:

"I think it has been successful. The city must be getting help, too. The Calle Mayor parkway has been planted with flowers, apparently by some of the neighbors, and it is beautiful. This type of neighborhood cooperation is good and should be encouraged."

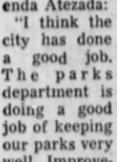


Mrs. S. E. Taylor, 154 Via Monte D'Oro:



"I am new in the area and not familiar with some of the problems which face the city, but I am impressed. The parkways in the Riviera section are beautiful and I hope other areas of the city will be planned this way in the future. It improves the area."

Mrs. John Johnson, 309 Avenida Atezada:



"I think the city has done a good job. The parks department is doing a good job of keeping our parks very well. Improvements on the streets are being done and they are very nice. I'm glad to see this work and hope it will continue."

Mrs. H. Herbert Breneman, 143 Via La Circula:



"I think it is doing good, but there are eyesores that need attention. One example is the ground next to the fire station at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway. It is bare, despite beautiful landscaping on the fire station. These areas should be improved."

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# CIVIL SERVICE TRIALS FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS SET

## City Approves Civic Center Cultural Plan

Efforts to have the Torrance civic center declared a regional culture center and thus qualify it for federal aid in developing the center were advanced another step Tuesday when the City Council voted to request a regional designation from the County.

The council voted 5-2 on the resolution asking for a regional designation of the civic center.

## AFS Picks Trio for Exchange

Three Torrance high school students have been named finalists by the Torrance chapter of the American Field Service for the 1964 summer exchange program.

The finalists are Pamela Flemming of Torrance High, Donald Stolley of South High, and Carol Maa of West High. They were selected on the basis of adaptability, leadership, personality, and interest in learning about other cultures and peoples.

The names of the three finalists will be sent to the American Field Service office in New York. The AFS could place one, two, or all three of the students, depending on the homes available for the summer exchange program.

MISS FLEMMING is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Continued on Page 3)

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al designation of the civic center complex, with Ross Sciarrotta and Ken Miller dissenting.

A SIMILAR resolution asking for a regional designation for a park on the site of the Torrance Naval Supply Depot received the unanimous backing of the seven-man council. Sciarrotta told councilmen he favored the plan for a regional park, but objected to a regional designation for the civic center. "Anytime the federal government gives anything, they tell you what to do," Sciarrotta declared. "We ought to let the civic center alone and develop it the way we want. If the federal government is so rich, why don't they just leave a little of our money here?" the councilman asked.

A regional designation of the civic center would qualify the city for a 20 per cent subvention in the development of the area. Plans call for additions to the Recreation Center and the plunge, and future buildings now planned include the Joslyn Center, a regional library, and a major auditorium.

DESIGNATION of the Navy land as a recreation park would give the city first choice at a lower price on the land if it is declared surplus. In addition, 30 per cent subvention would be given the city for acquisition of the land under the five-county recreation master plan.

The five-county plan is now being studied by the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission. Mayor Albert Isen, in voting for both the park and civic center resolutions, said recreation director Harry Van Bellehem and his staff were "to be commended for their foresight."

The city must now wait for a decision by the Regional Planning Commission.



**RAINY DAY PROBLEM . . .** Marvin L. Williams of Culver City was a surprised motorist Monday when his car ended up in deep water on Anza Avenue just north of Torrance Boulevard. Williams, shown pondering his predicament, said he came upon the water, stopped and was going to back up when he put the car in the wrong gear and shot into the water. (Herald Photo)

## Long Beach Will Protest Dominguez Incorporation

Proponents of incorporation in the Carson-Dominguez area will get no help from the City of Long Beach.

City councilmen directed the Long Beach planning department to file a protest to the proposed City of Dominguez when the matter comes before the Local Agency Formation Commission. The Long Beach council said the incorporation infringes on a pending annexation.

The annexation involves a 1.55 acre parcel owned by John Cays, who requested annexation to Long Beach in connection with plans to improve his property. The annexation was filed in October, 1962.

BERT B. BOND, a Long

Beach councilman, said the annexation was small, but was reason for protesting the incorporation. Bond also said the move to incorporate was made primarily to halt plans to annex about 1,200 acres of the area to Long Beach.

Long Beach withdrew the annexation proceedings after several attacks on the jagged boundaries, but hinted it would come back with a new try.

Commission generally frowns on such islands of unincorporated territory.

Proponents of the incorporation bid have been waiting for some word on industry's position. The group said industrial landowners in the area hold the key to any successful incorporation.

BOND NOTED the proposed boundaries of Dominguez leave a large section of unincorporated land in the middle (about two square miles which was involved in an ill-fated incorporation bid last year) and said the Local Agency Formation

## April Dates Set by City For Hearing

Hearings for two Torrance police lieutenants, discharged on charges stemming from investigations conducted by the attorney general's office and the district attorney's office, have been set for April 8 and 11 before the city's Civil Service Commission, it was announced here yesterday.

Donald S. Hamilton, lieutenant in command of the police detective bureau before his suspension on March 6, will go before the Commission on Thursday, April 8, in an effort to reverse or alter the March 12 discharge order signed by Asst. Chief M. H. Porter with the approval of then acting city manager, Edward J. Ferraro.

Douglas Carmel Cook is tentatively scheduled to go before the Commission the following Saturday to present his case. The date has not been firm. He was suspended with Hamilton on March 6, and was discharged by Porter on March 17, five days after the Hamilton discharge order.

HAMILTON WAS discharged on charges that he lied to investigators while being questioned under oath in Los Angeles last December.

Cook, who headed up the city's vice detail operations until early March, was charged with lying to the investigators in December, and further for use of his office for an improper purpose. The second charge grew out of allegations that Cook caused two officers under his supervision to follow Robert B. Jahn, former city councilman, until he could be arrested.

CITY ATTORNEY Stanley Remelmeier, who will act as advisor to the Civil Service Commission at the public hearings, asked and received City Council approval to employ another attorney to assist in the prosecution of the two hearings. He said the city's regular prosecutor, attorney C. F. Catterlin, probably would be a witness and therefore unable to fill this duty.

The commission can reduce or erase the discipline in such cases, but can not make it greater than already ordered, it was reported.

Introduction of the two reports issued by the attorney general and district attorney is probable at the hearings, and will then "be public property," Remelmeier said. He said the filing of formal charges and setting of the hearings lessened the city's concern about libel actions which could arise from the release of the two documents.

## Vandals Enter Seaside School Over Weekend

Vandals broke into Seaside Elementary School last weekend and scattered the contents of a teacher's desk drawer about one of the rooms.

School officials reported ink was splashed about on the walls and floor of one room. Windows in three classrooms were broken with rocks.

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